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C O N F I D E N T I A L LONDON 07295

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UK, SN

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE EXPULSION OF PAP FROM SOCIALIST INTER-  
NATIONAL

REF: SINGAPORE 2322

1. AS ADDRESSEES AWARE, BRITISH LABOR PARTY DID NOT TAKE LEAD IN SUGGESTING EXPULSION OF PAP, BUT HAS BEEN HIGHLY CRITICAL OF WHAT IT HAS CHARACTERIZED AS PAP'S "REPRES-SIVE AND ANTI-DEMOCRATIC" ACTIONS. SHOULD FORMAL ATTEMPT TO EXPEL PAP MATERIALIZE AT SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL MEET-ING LATER THIS SUMMER, LABOR PARTY WOULD PROBABLY SUPPORT IT. ALTHOUGH LABOR IS CURRENTLY GOVERNING PARTY, IT WOULD BE ERRONEOUS TO INFER TOO CLOSE A LINKAGE BETWEEN LABOR GOVERNMENT AND PARTY ON THIS OR ANY OTHER FOREIGN POLICY ISSUE.

2. LABOR PARTY AND ITS STANDING COMMITTEES, ESPECIALLY INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE, HAVE LONG RECORD OF DIVERGENCE FROM OFFICIAL POLICIES OF LABOR GOVERNMENTS. OFTEN, COM-POSITION OF THESE COMMITTEES IS NOT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LARGER NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, THE PARTY AS A WHOLE

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OR THE GOVERNMENT. CURRENTLY, FOR EXAMPLE, PRESTIGIOUS

HOME AFFAIRS COMMITTEE IS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF GOVERNMENT'S ECONOMIC POLICIES, WHILE ONLY LAST WEEK LEFTIST-CONTROLLED INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE CRITICIZED STATE VISIT OF BRAZILIAN PRESIDENT GEISEL. LABOR GOVERNMENTS, FOR THEIR PART, GENERALLY SEEM TO ESCHEW OFFICIAL INVOLVEMENT IN WHAT ARE NON-GOVERNMENTAL POLITICAL ISSUES SUCH AS THIS ONE. IN THIS SPECIFIC CASE, WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE GOVERNMENT ENCOURAGES OR WOULD SUPPORT EXPULSION OF PAP. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE BELIEVE IT UNLIKELY THAT GOVERNMENT WOULD MAKE MAJOR EFFORT TO DISSUADE PARTY FROM SUPPORTING EXPULSION, UNLESS QUESTION SHOULD BECOME MAJOR ISSUE IN CONTEXT OF UK/SINGAPORE BILATERAL RELATIONS.

3. WE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO EMBASSY SINGAPORE DRAWING ON ABOVE BACKGROUND IN DISCUSSING ISSUE WITH GOS AND PAP OFFICIALS, SHOULD SUBJECT ARISE.

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